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STATISTICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR AFRICA

The Council of ACP Ministers,

RECALLING the request submitted in 1980 to the European Economic Community (EEC) for support to the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (STPA) through the Regional Programme of the European Development Fund (EDF).

NOTING with pleasure that the Study of the Needs for Statistical Training in Africa has been completed recently as a preliminary EEC response to the request referred to above.

RECALLING that the full impact of the programme is dependent on the provision of adequate teaching staff and the availability of student fellowships.

1. URGES the Commission of the European Communities to give its final response to the above request at its earliest opportunity so that the operational activities planned can start at the beginning of 1984 to cover the five-year period 1984-1988.

2. EMPHASIZES the importance of making provisions for the training of african teaching staff in a way consistent with the requirements of individual Statistical Training Centres in Africa.

3. URGES that student fellowships be planned well in advance, that these requirements be taken into account when formulating country programmes and that the procedure for fellowship awards be facilitated.